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NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

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KEY POINTS

- New event planned for 2022-03-05, a “Freedom Chain” – call out to hold hands or link arms across Canada, apparently using the Trans Canada Highway. It is unclear at this time if this event will gain traction in the next two weeks.^{1 2}
- The Integrated Command Center (ICC) operation is ongoing.³ As of 1545hrs on 2022-02-20, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) reports that there have been 191 demonstrators arrested, 389 charges laid and 79 vehicles towed.^{4 5}
- The Coventry road staging area was cleared by 2200hrs on 2022-02-20.

UPDATE ON ARRESTS

Tamara LICH

- Arrested on 2022-02-17.⁶
- On 2022-02-17, she was charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief.⁷
- She appeared in court on 2022-02-19 but her bail hearing has been adjourned until 2022-02-22 to allow Ontario Court Justice time to render a decision whether to grant bail.⁸

Pat KING

- Arrested on 2022-02-18.⁹
- On 2022-02-18, he was charged with Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police.¹⁰
- His bail hearing is scheduled for 2022-02-22.¹¹

Tyson George BILLINGS

- Arrested on 2022-02-19¹²
- On 2022-02-19, he was charged with Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police and Obstruct Police.¹³
- He is scheduled to appear in court on 2022-02-20.¹⁴ His bail hearing was adjourned to 2022-02-22.¹⁵
- BILLINGS is a friend of Pat KING.¹⁶

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PLANNED NATIONWIDE PROTEST

- New event planned for 2022-03-05, a “Freedom Chain” – call out to hold hands or link arms across Canada, apparently using the Trans Canada Highway. It is unclear at this time if this event will gain traction in the next two weeks.^{17 18}

CANADIAN INTEREST ABROAD

- Unconfirmed information suggests that a potential protest could occur at the Canadian Embassy in Detroit, MI, on 2022-02-21.¹⁹

B DIVISION

- According to a Facebook event page, a convoy and rally is being organized for 2022-02-26 to 2022-02-28 commencing in Port-aux Basque, NL and ending in St.John’s, NL.^{20 21}

C DIVISION

- New event has been located on the Facebook group “LE CONVOI DE LA LIBERTÉ 2022” organized by “UN QUÉBEC LIBRE” for 2022-03-05 in Quebec City. Precise location not provided.

D DIVISION

- The demonstration at the Manitoba Legislature remains ongoing.²² No incidents reported.²³
- The Facebook page “Manitoba Convoy for Freedom Fam” has gained over 2000 new followers overnight. There may be some messaging using private setting. This website has promoted peaceful participation in the past.²⁴

E DIVISION

Surrey (Pacific Highway)

- The event near the Pacific Highway port of entry (POE) is ongoing. No incidents reported.²⁵

Chilliwack

- A Family Day Freedom Convoy is scheduled for 2022-02-21 at 1030hrs. It will depart from Langley, BC and end in Chilliwack, BC.²⁶

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G DIVISION

- Monitoring continues at the Northwest Territories and Alberta border for any risk of protest given the importance of the corridor serving the supply chain to the Northwest Territories.²⁷

H DIVISION

- A slow roll convoy departed various locations in Nova Scotia on 2022-02-19 and is scheduled to arrive at the Enfield Big Stop at 1630hrs on 2022-02-21. No incidents reported.²⁸

J DIVISION

- "Atlantic 24H Dance Party" event planned for 2022-02-26/27. Individuals are to meet at last New Brunswick exit to PEI before traveling across the Confederation Bridge to PEI for the event.²⁹
- Information suggests that **Personal Info.** "convoy" possibly intends to leave Ottawa on 2022 02 22, and head to the East Coast.³⁰

K DIVISION

- As of 2022-02-20, the number of demonstrators continue to drop at the event located north of the Coutts POE. No incidents reported.³¹

L DIVISION

- A potential large-scale event will occur at Borden-Carleton on 2022-02-26. The RCMP is scheduled to engage with the organizers on 2022-02-22.³²

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NATIONAL DIVISION

- The OPS is in the process of re-opening areas downtown, including the ByWard Market.^{33 34}
- As of 1545hrs on 2022-02-20, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) reports that there have been 191 demonstrators arrested, 389 charges laid and 79 vehicles towed.^{35 36}
- On 2022-02-20, local police handed trespass notices to any remaining individuals at the Coventry road staging area.³⁷ As of 2200hrs on 2022-02-20, the site was clear.³⁸ A total of 25 vehicles were towed and two arrests were made. A strong police presence will be maintained in the area.³⁹ The parking lot on Coventry Road remains secure with police resources on site.⁴⁰
- Individuals previously in downtown Ottawa have relocated to Metcalfe, Vars, Vankleek Hill, Embrun, and Arnprior, ON.^{41 42 43}
- As of 15h00 on 2022-02-21, the Combined Intelligence Group (CIG) reported the following updates on possible staging areas:
 - **VANKLEEK HILL** Person⁴⁴:
 - The OPP reports that vehicles are leaving the area to relocate at Personal Info. (Vankleek Hill). Only a few vehicles remain on site.^{45 46 47}
 - **VANKLEEK HILL** Personal Info.⁴⁸:
 - Vehicles on site include: Approximately 60 vehicles, 20 tractor trailers, and 4-5 trailers.⁴⁹
 - **EMBRUN** (St Guillaume/ Route 200):⁵⁰
 - No update as of 15h00 on 2022-02-21.⁵¹
 - **ARNPRIOR** Personal Info.^{52 53}:
 - Cleared field on White Lake Road, Arnprior (near the truck stop)
 - Approximately 15 passenger vehicles
 - 1-2 campers, 2 bobtails
 - A couple of tents and a line of porta potties.
 - Drivers pull in the lot for a few minutes then go south towards the field off Robertson Line.
 - **ROBERTSON LINE**:^{54 55 56}
 - 2 tractor trailers with flags
 - 5 pick up trucks with flags, gas tanks in box of pick up or pulling trailers have left. All went West bound going 85km/h on 417.
 - All had Alberta and BC plates
- OPP advises that a protest in support of those arrested in Ottawa may be planned in Hawkesbury, ON, on 2022-02-21.⁵⁷
- Multiple reports indicated that a group called "Mohawk Warriors" are on route for Ottawa.⁵⁸
- The message regarding the potential convoy from Sherbrooke to Vankleek Hill has been removed.⁵⁹

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O DIVISION

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- Windsor Police advised that all roads near the Ambassador Bridge have reopened for traffic. ⁶⁰

Kingston

- Social media is reporting a possible slow roll at 1300hrs on 2022-02-21 at Hwy 38 and Gardiners Rd Carpool. ^{61 62}
- A Peterborough Freedom Rally Convoy is staging a slow roll convoy for 2022-02-21 in the Peterborough – Kingston area. ^{63 64}

Niagara (Peace Bridge)

- There is a planned demonstration of support for protestors returning from Ottawa to the Niagara area. Social media users intend to gather on overpasses and at exits along the QEW to cheer on convoy supporters. ⁶⁵
- On 2022-02-20, police were controlling access to ramps around the Niagara POEs as a preventative measure due to ongoing events in the area. ⁶⁶ As of 2022-02-21, local police has increased its presence in the area and has established additional checkpoints nearby. ⁶⁷

Toronto

- Toronto Police Service (TPS) is reporting that a rally in opposition of the freedom movement convoys is planned for Queens Park on 2022-02-21. ^{68 69}

Sarnia

- In the [REDACTED] s.37 a user shared a post advertising a [REDACTED] s.37 in Port Huron, Michigan on 2022-02-26 at 10h00. There are no comments indicating support for this event. At this time, there is no information indicating a protest on the Canadian side.

Thunder Bay (Nipigon River Bridge):

- On 2022-02-21, the OPP observed a small slow-roll protest around Dryden and Thunder Bay. The Thunder Bay protest drove to the area of the Pigeon River border crossing and parked off the highway. ⁷⁰
- A potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge is scheduled for 2022-02-26. ⁷¹

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- ²² 2022-02-20 13h22 DDiv 11h55 Sit Rep
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